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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action mailed February 25, 2005 (for which petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time), and the requirement for restriction presented in it, Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, that is claims 1-14 and 16-24, directed to an implant.

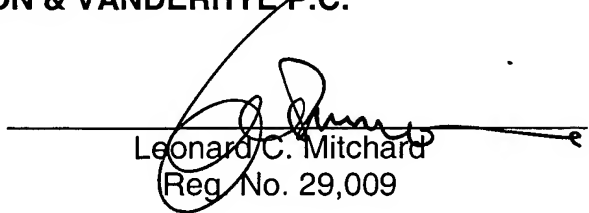
In response to the election of species, Applicants hereby elect species III, directed to the embodiment of Figure 4d (lateral bearing portion convex and medial bearing portion flat). Claims 1-8, 11 and 14 read on the elected species.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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